

Celebration of Life Service
for
Alfred Charles Howard



Earthly Sunrise
May 13, 1948

Earthly Sunset
May 23, 2012

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..." Psalm 23:1

Judah the Gathering Place Ministries
8055 Collins Drive
Oakland, California 94621
Bishop Ross D. Garrison, Jr.

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
11:00 a.m.

The Life and Legacy of Alfred Charles Howard

Alfred Charles Howard was born on May 13, 1948, to the proud parents of Nels and Mary Howard in Berkeley, California. Alfred departed this life on May 23, 2012.

Alfred grew up in Richmond, California and attended Richmond Public Schools. During high school, he attended the University of California Berkeley and graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1966.

Alfred accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond, California under the leadership of Pastor G.G. Griffin. He sang in the choir while attending Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Local #10 Community Choir.

While singing in the choir as a youth, he noticed 15 year old Edith Jones in the congregation. He said many times, that after noticing Edith in her orange hat, he "got choked up, stopped singing, and fell in love at first sight." Soon after, they began dating and he escorted Edith to her senior ball. Alfred and Edith were united in holy matrimony on July 20, 1968. From this union three children were born, Nathan, Natalia and Natello.

After moving from Richmond to Newark, California, he rededicated his life to Christ and joined New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor T.P. Fields. While at New Hope, he sang in the choir, Male Chorus, Soul Revivals, and served on the Usher Board until his health prevented him from attending.

Alfred was employed as a Communication Technician at Pacific Bell and retired after 30 years of service.

Alfred enjoyed reading the dictionary, watching old western movies and watching sports, especially the San Francisco 49ers. He enjoyed playing dominoes with his brother-in-laws and telling jokes. He was a fun loving character who would often strike up conversations with perfect strangers, especially when in restaurants. He loved to sing and enjoyed singing to his grandchildren during Christmas time wearing his Santa hat. Alfred enjoyed all types of food and especially loved sweets. Affectionately known as "Papa", Alfred loved spending time with his grandchildren and would often ask them "who loves that baby" to which they replied "Papa".

Alfred was preceded in death by his father, Nels Howard. He leaves to cherish his life: His wife Edith of 43 years; mother, Mary Howard; son Nathan (Denetrice) Howard, daughter Natalia (Doug) Murray, and son Natello (Joni) Howard, all of Stockton, California; nine grandchildren, Neriah, Niah, Najé, Nicolas, Nehemiah, Nadeiah, Janae, Naomi-Victoriah, and Isaac; sister, Constance Britt; and special aunts, Dorothy Howard of Washington and Mary Parrish of San Jose, California; along with a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, goddaughters, godsons, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Nathan Howard, Officiating

Family Processional..... Ministers & Family

Scriptures Readings:

Old Testament..... Pastor Brian D. Hunter

New Testament Rev. Nathan Howard

Prayer Deacon Manuel Odom

Song "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Tiona Jones

Obituary..... Quentis Odom

Praise Dance Aminta Sutton

Special Expressions 2 Minutes Each Please

Family Expressions Rev. Nathan Howard

Song "I Won't Complain" Ramona Hunter

Eulogy..... Elder Edith Howard

Parting View

Recessional

Interment

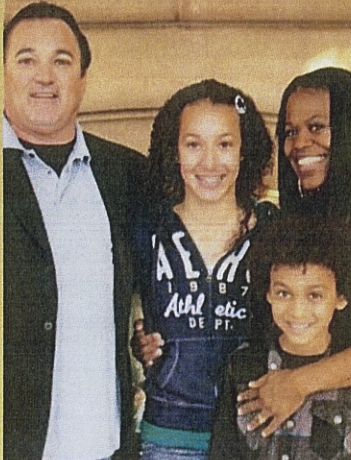
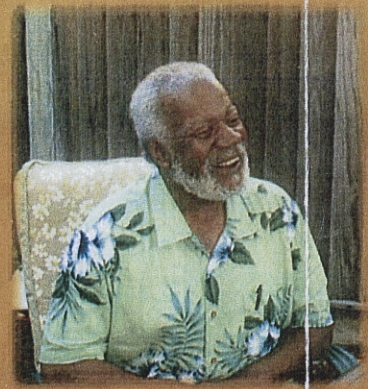
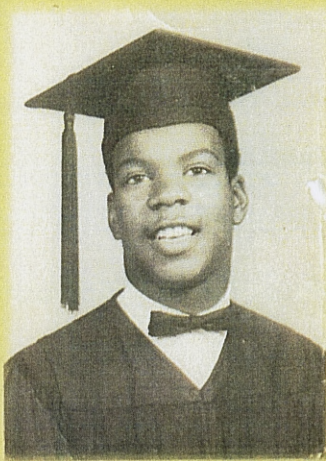
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32992 Mission Boulevard

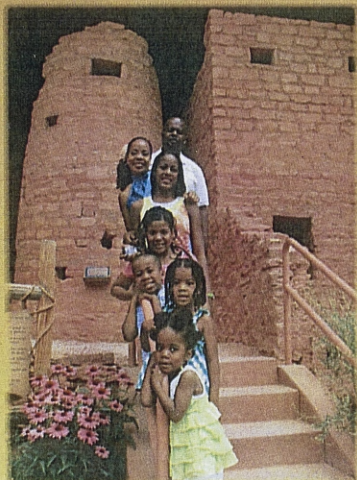
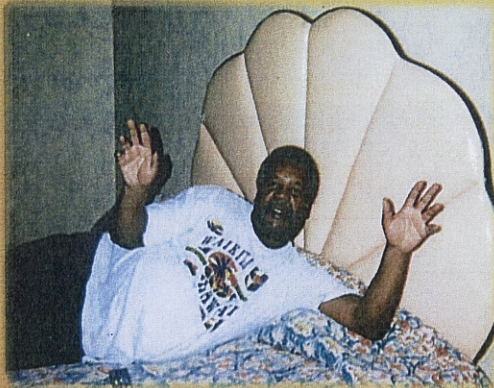
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*A repast for family and friends will be held at
The Masonic Lodge, 8105 Capwell Drive, Oakland, California,
immediately following the interment.*

The Family of Alfred



A collage of four color photographs showing various family gatherings and celebrations. The photos depict people at a dining table, a group portrait, a family group, and a birthday celebration with a cake.



You Are My Happiness



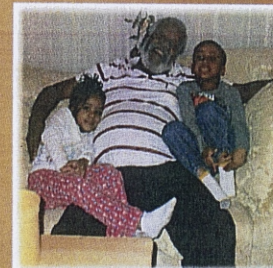
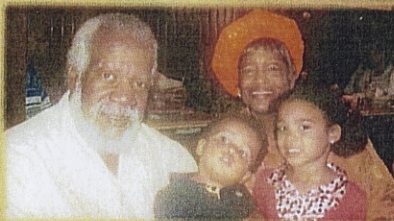
In this world of responsibilities and realities, having you to dream with and play with, to laugh with and love with, makes everything more beautiful...

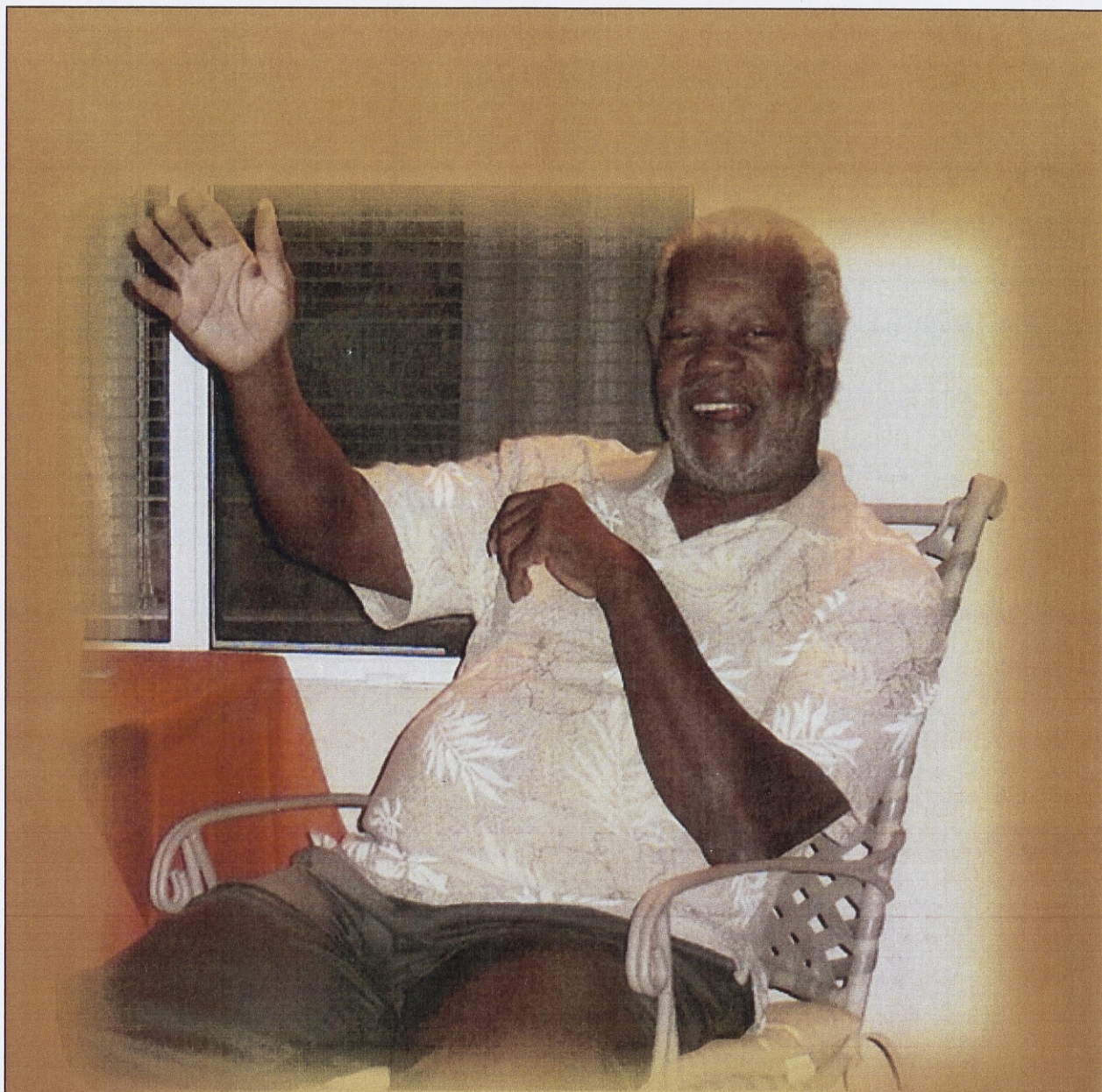
I need you and love you with all my heart.

*Je T'aime, Mon Cherie
"I Love You, My Darling"*

*Toujours L'Amour
"Love Always"*

Teddy Bear





"Bless Your Heart"

Pallbearers

Anthony Jones.....Jerome Hunter
Dennis White.....Joshua Givens
Gary Jackson.....Marco Jones
Jason GarnettMark Cooper

Honorary Pallbearers

Bill BarryManuel Odom
Doug Murray.....Matthew Applin
Dwight AkinsNehemiah Howard
Isaac Howard.....Nicolas Murray
James "Skyway" Hill "Tank" Robinson
Jim Williams.....Terry Jones
Leo Howard, Jr. Tony Jones
Leo Jackson

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Thank you to all who called, sent cards, brought food, and prayed for our family.

May God bless each of you!

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